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REMARKS/DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

Specification. The Applicant has amended the specification herein to correct typographical and formatting errors. No new matter was introduced by the amendment of the specification herein.

Claims. In the Non-Final Office Action, Examiner Wallerson rejected pending claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,341,286 B1 to *Kawano*. The Applicant responds to this rejection as subsequently recited herein, and respectfully requests reconsideration and further examination of the present application under 37 CFR § 1.112.

As to the rejection, the Applicant has thoroughly considered Examiner Wallerson's remarks concerning the patentability of claims 1-6 over *Kawano*. The Applicant has also thoroughly read *Kawano*. To establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, the modification of *Kawano* must teach or suggest all the limitations of claims 1-6. See, MPEP §2143. The Applicant respectfully asserts that Examiner Wallerson has failed to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness in view of the fact that the modification of *Kawano* as proposed by Examiner Wallerson fails to teach or suggest the following limitations of claims 1-6:

1. "printing a second report page when a total quantity of line items listed in the parts section exceeds said first number, said second page including a header subsection presenting a portion of the first set of information, a second parts subsection listing a second quantity of line items, said second quantity being less than or equal to a second number, and a footer subsection presenting a portion of the second set of information." as recited in independent claims 1, 3 and 5; and

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2. "printing a third report page when a total quantity of line items listed in the parts section exceeds a summation of said first number and said second number, said third page including said header subsection, a third parts subsection listing a third quantity of line items, said third quantity being less than or equal to said second number, and said footer subsection" as recited in dependent claims 2, 4 and 6.

Specifically, Examiner Wallerson respectfully asserts that it was "notoriously well known in generating a document, when the capacity of the first page has been attained, the continuing information is being inputted the document is automatically inputted into a second page". Essentially, Examiner Wallerson is respectfully asserting that the "printing a second report page when a total quantity of line items listed in the parts section exceeds said first number, said second page including . . . a second parts subsection listing a second quantity of line items, said second quantity being less than or equal to a second number" as recited in independent claims 1, 3 and 5, and "printing a third report page when a total quantity of line items listed in the parts section exceeds a summation of said first number and said second number, said third page including . . . a third parts subsection listing a third quantity of line items, said third quantity being less than or equal to said second number" as recited in dependent claims 2, 4 and 6 are notoriously known in the art of the present invention.

This assertion by Examiner Wallerson is erroneous for several reasons. First, this assertion by Examiner Wallerson is directed to generating a document and not a printing of a generated document. Second, this assertion by Examiner Wallerson fails to address the entirety of the underlined limitations of claims 1-6 as shown above. Finally, Examiner Wallerson did not establish an existence of his assertion at the time of the present invention.

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Additionally, Examiner Wallerson must identify some suggestion or motivation, either in *Kawano* or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify *Kawano* to encompass claims 1-6. In view of the fact that *Kawano* is silent as to a printing technique of its reports and as to any problems or concerns that need to be addressed when printing one of its reports, the Applicant respectfully asserts that there is no suggestion or motivation, in *Kawano* or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify *Kawano* to encompass claims 1-6.

Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-6 under §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kawano* is therefore respectfully requested.

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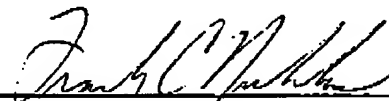
SUMMARY

Examiner Wallerson's rejection of claims 1-6 has been obviated by the remarks herein supporting an allowance of claim 1-6 over the art of record. The Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-6 as listed herein fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102, 103 and 112. In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue that may best be resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, Examiner Wallerson is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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